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THE SUBMISSION QUESTION.

Editor A. R. McCollum of the Waco Tribune, a member of the State Senate and an anti-prohibitionist, brings out a new point in regard to submitting the prohibition question to a vote of the people by the next Legislature. That point is, that submission did not carry in the election on the question by a majority in the sense as provided by law, which says a "majority of the votes cast." It seems that submission did not receive a majority of the votes cast in the election, as thousands of voters scratched both the "for" and "against" on the proposition or let them remain without scratching either. Of the votes cast on that subject, however, a majority of them voted "for." Senator McCollum will vote for submission if properly presented on the ground that his senatorial district voted pro and not on the result of the state at large. Following is the comment of the Tribune on the subject:

"The state Democratic convention that met at Houston in August was liable to criticism in its failure to declare that the submission proposal (voted on in the July primary) had failed to carry—because of the fact that it did not receive a majority of the votes polled in that primary. The fact was available for the convention and it should have had the courage to deal with the matter. But it overlooked this point. The Houston Post (in an article in its issue of yesterday) alludes to this feature—that submission did not get a majority of all the votes cast in the primary, though it did receive a majority of the votes on submission. It is not a material matter now—in view of the tacit acquiescence on both sides of the situation—but conventions in future are likely to be more careful in ascertaining and declaration of results of contests so important as in this case. The editor of the Tribune, as a member of the Texas Senate, expects to vote (if the question comes up in proper form) for submission of a prohibition amendment. But it will be on the ground that the Eleventh senatorial district, in the July primary, declared for submission—and not on the theory that submission received a majority. For the judgment of the courts and of history will be that the proposal did not get a majority after the manner provided by law."

THAT FEE SYSTEM.

The Fort Worth Union Banner is a labor newspaper. That is, it presumes, or assumes, or speaks for organized labor. This is its New Year's indictment of the fee system:

"If a man walks the streets of a city looking for work, a stranger, he is liable at any time to be pounced upon by some 'deputy' who wants a dollar or two.

"If a paper of any kind needs to be made of record, there are half a dozen fees to be paid.

"If a guardian needs to be appointed to care for some small amount, there are a lot of fees and a lot of red tape to unroll and more costs.

"Do anything you will and there is a fee. A fee not to one person, but usually to three or more officials.

"It is a devilish system, to say nothing of the excessive cost and the tendency to maul the innocent.

"Cut out the fee system and pay every public official a decent salary. Reward efficient service with continued employment. Conduct public affairs in a sensible way and taxes in a short while will be reduced by one-half."

Commenting on the above bill of particulars, the Fort Worth Record says:

"Governor Ferguson is opposed to the fee system. The Democratic platform declared against the fee system. This is the banner Democratic state. All the members of the Incoming Legislature are Democrats. All Demo-

cratic legislators are said to be in harmony with their platform. Then why shouldn't the fee system be abolished? Why shouldn't all servants of the people be placed on a salary basis? The people say they are the masters. Are they?"

The objection to the salary basis for public officials, and particularly county officials, is urged that with their salary assured, work or play, rain or shine, they would grow fat and sleek in office and the public would not get the service to which it is entitled and which it would get if the pay of the official depended upon his alertness.

This argument is in turn met with the statement, "the fear of hell's a hangman's whip to hold the wretch in order," and that no official would dare lay down on his job for fear of the wrath of the people at the following election.

There are two sides to the fee question and there are strong arguments in favor of both. The Eagle's position is the question should be settled on a population basis; the counties containing the larger cities and population operating on a salary basis and the smaller counties under the fee system. This, in our opinion, would be an equitable solution of the whole matter.

Bryan's street work and county road improvement is something for all the people to be proud of. When completed there will be few cities our size and few counties that can surpass us.

Plows are running all over the county. Hope which springs eternal in the human breast, is behind the farmers and actuating them in their efforts for another great harvest next autumn.

The Austin American is now printing a "bull dog" edition early at night and same reaches Bryan in the early morning. In so doing the American displays not only energy, but real newspaper enterprise.

Navasota and Grimes county combined have 354 automobiles. Again it becomes our painful duty to claim precedence. Bryan and Brazos county have right around 500.

Regardless of whether the "leak" was at the spigot or the bung hole, Wall street made a killing just the same.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Barbour—You seem warm; have you been exercising Waterman—Yes, indeed; I went to the mutes' dance and swung dumb belles around all evening.—Michigan Cargyle.

A little impatience subverts great undertakings.—Chinese saying.

"Isn't the horse a peculiar animal?" "In what way?" "Why, he can always eat best when he hasn't a bit in his mouth."—Albany Argus.

Customers come not all together neither were they all invented at once.—Don Quixote.

She—That scar on your head must be very annoying. He—Oh, it's next to nothing.—Columbia Jester.

Neither years nor books have yet availed to extirpate a prejudice that a scholar is the favorite of heaven and earth, the excellency of his country, the happiest of men.—Emerson.

Redd—How do you suppose all these stories get started about Villa having died? Greene—Oh, perhaps he has a grandson who lives to get off to go to baseball games.—Yonkers Statesman.

Sometimes we look for one thing and find another.—Don Quixote.

"You are taking a remarkable amount of interest in the sporting page." "Yes. That's where I look for my educational news. If my son gets a chance to play football, I'll know he has passed his examinations."—Washington Star.

Often the surest way to convey misinformation is to tell the strict truth.—Mark Twain.

FROM OTHER VIEWPOINTS.

Four-fifths of the money loaned in 1914 to Americans caught short of funds abroad has been repaid. Why not nineteen-twentieths? Why not all?—New York World.

There's some difference between the Spain of 1858 and the Spain which last week induced Germany to return 300 deported Belgians.—Indianapolis News.

Indianapolis lost out in the land bank distribution, and of course will attribute it to the recent political upheaval in the Hoosier state.—Rochester Herald.

One London paper has reached the

encouraging point of admitting that in the present "peace crisis," neutrals have a right to be heard.—Springfield Republican.

As a patience tester Carranza is a world champion.—Washington Star.

If the literacy test had been in force from the beginning many of our most prominent senators and representatives would be in the trenches of Europe today.—Indianapolis Star.

Universal service in the United States would be a long step toward universal peace throughout the world.—Charleston News and Courier.

It was the 2,000 votes in California out of Wilson's more than half million plurality that counted most. Efficiency engineers should find some way of eliminating the waste of popular pluralities.—New York Evening Post.

BIG ENROLLMENT AT A. AND M.

May Reach 1,300 by Opening of Second Term February 3rd.

With the opening of the second term at A. and M. nearly a month away, February 3rd, enrollment at the college already has passed the 1,200 mark for the present scholastic year and bids fair to total close to 1,300 before the year closes. School reopened Wednesday morning after a ten days' vacation with practically all students back on the job. Heavy flocks will be hit from now until February 1st in the endeavor to make first term grades good ones.

While most of the students went home for the holidays, there were nearly 150 who remained on the campus. Most of these were boys who are working their way through school. They spent the time pleasantly and profitably. The Y. M. C. A. pool rooms, swimming pool and other utilities were thrown open to those who remained over and a number of entertainments were given for their pleasure.

AMUSEMENTS

At the Dixie.

The attraction at the Dixie tonight is "The Microscope Mystery," produced under the personal supervision of D. W. Griffith and featuring Wilfred Lucas and Constance Talmadge. There is also a Keystone comedy, "Bathtub Perils," featuring the eminent comedian, Fred Mace.

Tuesday there will be an unusually good Paramount picture, "Witch-Witchcraft," featuring clever Fanny Ward and a strong cast.

Wednesday the fifteenth and last chapter of the serial picture, "The Shielding Shadow," will be shown. All who have been following this great picture should be on hand to see the final scenes.

At the Queen.

There is to be a benefit for the Bryan High School senior class at the Queen Theater tomorrow afternoon and night, the receipts to go to help pay for the high school annual. The attraction for this occasion is the powerful five-act Brady-made production, "The Scarlet Coat," featuring Miss Gail Kane. There will be special music for this fine feature.

Wednesday there will be a grand Blue Ribbon attraction, "The Price of Fame," a masterpiece in five acts featuring Marjorie MacDermott, assisted by Naomi Childers and a star cast. There will also be special music for this attraction.

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TEXAS AND THE FIG.

Experts to Make Study of State for Soils Adapted to Figs.

With the view of determining where the Smyrna fig may be grown successfully on a commercial basis, a thorough study of the climate, soils and marketing possibilities of Southwest Texas will be conducted by G. P. Rixford, physiologist for the United States department of agriculture, bureau of plant industry, who has made a life long study of the Smyrna fig in this and other countries. He will be joined and assisted in this study by representatives of A. and M. College. It was through E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture at A. and M. that Mr. Rixford's services were secured for this project.

The date palm will not be overlooked in the investigation and Mr. Rixford will try to locate sections of Texas well suited to the growing of the date palm.

The Salsuma district between Galveston and Houston will be visited first and then the investigators will turn their attention to the Rio Grande valley.

Mr. Rixford will be accompanied on this tour of investigation by W. B. Lanham, extension service specialist in horticulture at A. and M.

Mr. Rixford has just completed a similar study of Florida and other Southern states.

"ROBIN HOOD."

"Robin Hood," the best comic opera America has produced, will be sung at the Colonial Theater on the 15th of this month. The story of this popular and artistic success is based upon the old English tale of Robin Hood and his band of outlaws, a story used by Sir Walter Scott in his famous novel of "Ivanhoe." It is a pleasure to announce that this masterpiece, which remains the finest vocal talent, will be sung in the coming production by artists of the first class, among whom is Ivy Scott, a dramatic soprano from the "Madame Butterfly" and "The Girl of the Golden West" companies. Miss Scott will sing the role of Maid Marian. The title role

Special Announcement

Starting on the first of January we announce that we shall confine our efforts in the grocery business strictly to the city of Bryan. Our auto delivery which has been serving the College people will be used to serve our city customers more efficiently. Our College trade has been very satisfactory but our business in the city has grown to where it demands our entire attention.

We appreciate all favors shown us from our College friends and wish for them as well as our large number of city customers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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will be sung by Ralph Brainard, whose splendid voice will be a revelation. Friar Tuck will be played by Ed Andrews. His unctuous performance of this character is classic. Cora Tracy will be the Alan-a-Dale, who sing the always popular "O, Promise me." James Stevens will be the Little John, and Herbert Waterous, as Will Scarlet, will sing the famous Armorer's Song. "Robin Hood" is elaborately staged and costumed and in detail is the same as given at the New Amsterdam Theater, New York, during the long run in that city last season. The performance here is sure to be a social and musical event.

BEGINS PASTORAL WORK.

Rev. Comber Delivered Two Splendid Sermons at Free Baptist Church.

Two splendid audiences assembled at the Free Baptist church yesterday to greet the new pastor, Rev. Fred Comber. At the morning service the pastor was introduced by Rev. J. J. Tatum, a lifetime associate and co-worker of the pastor.

The sermons delivered morning and evening were highly appreciated and many favorable comments were heard at the close of each from those present.

The evening service was of an evangelistic nature and one young man came forward at the close and united with the church. Rev. Comber is an evangelistic pastor and the church feels that it has made no mistake in extending him the call, and they are looking for a great work to be accomplished during the present administration.

We feel sure the moral forces of the city will be strengthened by the addition of a man of Rev. Comber's ability and force. He has always been recognized as such in former fields of labor.

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